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TAGS: EAIR

SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: GOL ACTION WITH REGARD TO REDUCING COST  
OF AIR FARES AND AIR FREIGHT RATES

REF: BEIRUT 14919

1. THROUGH ITS MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, THE LEBANESE  
GOVERNMENT INFORMED MEA AND TMA THAT IT APPROVED A REDUCTION  
OF 20 PERCENT IN THE COST OF PASSENGER TICKETS AND AIR FREIGHT,  
THUS BRING THE EFFECTIVE DOLLAR CONVERSION RATE FROM \$1 EQUALS  
LL 3.10 (NOT LL3.50 AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL) TO \$1 EQUALS  
LL2.48. THIS ACTION RESULTED FROM INCREASING PRESSURE  
ON THE GOVERNMENT BROUGHT BY THOSE WHO POINTED OUT THAT,  
FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, AIR TICKETS IN LEBANON COST  
ABOUT 40 PERCENT MORE THAN THEY DID ELSEWHERE.

2. TMA REPORTEDLY AGREED WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
ACTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, MEA REPORTEDLY RESISTED,  
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HOLDING OUT FOR A REDUCTION OF NO MORE THAN 15 PERCENT.

(IN ORDER TO SOFTEN MEA'S RESISTANCE RUMORS WERE ONCE MORE  
CIRCULATED ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF MERGING THE TWO AIRLINES).

3. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT ACTION TAKEN BY MINISTER OF  
JUSTICE WAS REPORTED TO THE IATA AND THAT IATA REFUSED  
TO AGREE, POINTING OUT EXCEPTIONS TO IATA DECISIONS  
MUST BE IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT LAW OR  
DECREE. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOL WILL TAKE STEPS NOW TO  
APPROVE A DECREE LOWERING AIR FARES AND FREIGHT RATES  
BY 20 PERCENT. ACTION IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO  
MONTHS.  
GODLEY

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